WILLMAR CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BUILDING WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

April 18, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Willmar City Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Lester Heitke. Members present on a roll call were Mayor Heitke, Council Members Doug Reese, Ron Christianson, Bruce DeBlieck, Cindy Swenson, Rick Fagerlie, Jim Dokken, and Steven Gardner; Present 8, Absent 1 - Denis Anderson was excused from the meeting.

Also present were City Administrator Michael Schmit, City Attorney Richard Ronning, Police Chief Jim Kulset, Fire Chief Marv Calvin, Public Works Director Mel Odens, Finance Director Steven Okins, Planning and Development Services Director Bruce Peterson, Community Education and Recreation Director Steve Brisendine, and City Clerk Kevin Halliday.

Proposed additions to the agenda included Duininck Brothers, Inc. annexation, Design Team announcement, Arbor Day celebration and All-America City Award status report.

The Council requested that the Cable Advisory Committee and Rice Hospital Board minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Christianson offered a motion adopting the Consent Agenda which included the following: City Council Minutes of April 4, Municipal Utilities Commission Minutes of April 11, Planning Commission Minutes of April 13, Building Inspection Report for March, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and Zoning Appeals Board Minutes of April 11, 2005. Council Member Fagerlie seconded the motion, which carried.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Cable Advisory Committee recommendation to enter into a contract with HLB Tautges Tedpath, LTD. for a desk audit of cable franchise holders. Following discussion, Resolution No. 1 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, a municipal corporation of the State of Minnesota, that the Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to enter into a cable franchise audit agreement between the City of Willmar and HLB Tautges Redpath, LTD with a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,300.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2005.

	_/s/ Lester Heitke
	MAYOR
/s/ Kevin Halliday	
Attest: CITY CLERK	

Council Member Reese moved to refer the funding of the cable franchise audit to the

Finance Committee with Council Member Christianson seconding the motion, which carried. The Cable Advisory Committee minutes of April 6, 2005, were accepted as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and carried.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Rice Hospital Board item regarding a shared services agreement with the State of Minnesota to operate an inpatient mental health facility on the Willmar Regional Treatment Center campus. The Rice Hospital Board Minutes of April 6, 2005, were approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member DeBlieck, seconded by Council Member Dokken, and carried.

At 7:16 p.m. Mayor Heitke opened a public hearing on an Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 1060, the Willmar Zoning Ordinance. Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented details of the proposal to rezone the property at 108 Becker Avenue SE from R-2 to LB for the purposed of operating the Reading Therapy Center. The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and has been approved by the Planning Commission. Sue Meyer, a speech and language therapist, appeared before the Mayor and Council to explain the proposal to provide reading, language, and math skills to children and adults, ages 5 through 25 years old. Upon hearing all those who wished to be heard, Mayor Heitke closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council Member Reese offered a motion to adopt, assign a number, and order final publication of an Ordinance Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 1060, the Willmar Zoning Ordinance. Council Member Dokken seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

Kathy Schwantes, Associate Director of the City/County Economic Development Commission, presented to the Mayor and Council the recent developments of the Willmar Regional Treatment Center. Ms. Schwantes discussed the early steps of the WRTC Task Force and the completion of a master plan and reuse study. Local interest in the property by two private businesses, Nova Tech Engineering and Epitopix, has spurred an interest in developing a technical center on the WRTC campus. Several issues were discussed to accomplish this proposal such as the transfer of property, bonds needed for capital infrastructure, lease rates for state programs remaining on campus, and the long-term developments of the campus. Mayor Heitke thanked Ms. Schwantes for the comprehensive update on the development of the WRTC.

Mayor Heitke recognized George Hulstrand, Sr., who appeared to address the City Council during its scheduled Open Forum. Mr. Hulstrand advised the Council that the developments unfolding at the WRTC deserve earnest study and to avoid the danger of coming to conclusions too quickly, bring to mind both the greatness of this opportunity but also the mistakes of location made in the past.

Pastor Beverly Crute and Bonnie Wilhelm, representing the Ministerial Association, appeared before the Mayor and Council to present information regarding the May 5, 2005, Mayor's Breakfast. The speakers will be Tom and Beverly Burnett, parents of Tom Burnett Jr. who was killed on Flight 93 on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack.

Mayor Heitke called for a recess at 8:27 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The Public Works/Safety Committee Report for April 12, 2005, will be presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member Reese. There were six items for Council consideration.

<u>Item No. 1</u> The Committee reviewed a draft ordinance amending sections of the on-sale liquor code to allow a bowling center to be an eligible business for a liquor license and to amend the Sunday hours of sale to start at 10:00 a.m. instead of twelve noon. These recommendations are proposed in anticipation of the Kandi Entertainment Center (KEC) being annexed into the City after the Duininck property is annexed and surrounds the KEC.

The Committee was recommending the Council introduce the ordinance for hearing. Council Member Reese offered a motion to introduce an Ordinance Amending Willmar Municipal Code Sections 3-113 and 3-136 Regulating On-sale Liquor and set a hearing for May 2, 2005. Council Member Christianson seconded the motion, which carried.

Item No. 2 The Committee reviewed the stages of construction of the Baseball Stadium to date. The Willmar Baseball and Fastpitch Boosters would like to partner with the City to accelerate the project by constructing the concession/restroom building, and upon satisfactory completion, gift it to the City. The concept has been discussed with the City Administrator with recommended approval.

A memorandum from the Willmar Baseball and Fastpitch Boosters outlines the terms of the proposed agreement with the following conditions: 1. The plan is approved by the City Building Inspector; 2. The Boosters present signed contracts and certificates of insurance from all involved parties; and 3. The Boosters satisfy the Council's designee that the funds are in place to complete the project.

Representatives of the Boosters organization also requested permission to construct a storage building on site. The Committee was reassured the plans for the concession/restroom building remained as presented earlier with the exception of raising the ceiling height from 8 to 10 feet.

Following discussion, the Committee was recommending that the Council authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Willmar Baseball and Fastpitch Boosters for the terms outlined in the Memorandum. Resolution No. 2 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas the Willmar Baseball and Fastpitch Boosters has made a request of the City of Willmar for the installation of a concession/restroom building at the baseball stadium; and

Whereas an agreement has been prepared to install the improvements subject to certain conditions and requirements as outlined in the Memorandum dated April 8, 2005.

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Willmar that said agreement be approved and that the Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to execute the same.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2005.

	/s/ Lester Heitke
	MAYOR
/s/ Kevin Halliday	
Attest: CITY CLERK	

<u>Item No. 3</u> The Committee reviewed correspondence from Bethel Lutheran Church in conjunction with Main Street Willmar for temporary street closures. They are requesting permission to block off a portion of Becker Avenue between the intersection of 4th Street SW to the first alley on the north side or just east of the building numbered 414.

Following discussion, the Committee was recommending the Council approve the request for street closure as presented. Council Member Reese moved to approve the recommendation of the Public Works/Safety Committee Report with Council Member DeBlieck seconding the motion, which carried.

<u>Item No. 4</u> The Committee discussed with staff the 2005 Improvement Projects. Staff informed the Committee that the budget for Project No. 0503, which included the Duininck Bros. Inc. Development of property in Southeast Willmar, is no longer needed as the development has been downsized and will be included in the 2005 Improvements Budget.

The Committee was recommending the Council revise the Project No. 0503 Budget to \$0.00. Resolution No. 3 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member DeBlieck, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

PRELIMINARY BUDGET PROJECT NO. 0503 SOUTHEAST WILLMAR DUININCK BROS. DEVELOPMENT

PERSONNEL SERVICES TOTAL	\$0.00	RECEIVABLES TOTAL	\$0.00
SUPPLIES TOTAL	\$0.00	FINANCING TOTAL	\$0.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$0.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$0.00		
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Staff informed the Committee that since Duininck Bros. has downsized their development to include only the first 525 feet of 24th Avenue SE, it is recommended to add the work into the current

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2005 Improvements Budget. The Committee was recommending the Council amend the budget to include the construction of 24th Avenue SE in the previously approved budget. Resolution No. 4 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

PRELIMINARY 2005 IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET

PERSONNEL SERVICES	^- 0000	RECEIVABLES	*
Overtime Reg. Employees	\$500.00	. ,	\$845,550.00
Salaries Temp. Employees	\$6,000.00		\$56,500.00
Employer Pension Contr.	\$1,500.00		\$713,410.00
TOTAL	\$8,000.00		\$37,000.00
		City (2004 Transfer)	\$70,000.00
		Developer	\$2,529,470.00
		City (Utility fee)	\$204,200.00
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SUPPLIES	#4 500 00	Developer (Cash)	\$217,720.00
Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	TOTAL	\$4,773,850.00
Small Tools	\$2,000.00	FINIANICINIC	
Motor Fuels & Lubricants		FINANCING	Φο ο 7 ο οοο οο
Postage	\$2,000.00		\$3,679,220.00
Mtce. of Other Improvements	\$2,000.00		\$713,410.00
General Supplies		City (MUC/WWTP)	\$93,500.00
TOTAL	\$12,000.00	City (2004 Transfer)	\$70,000.00
OTHER CERVICES		Developer (Cash)	\$217,720.00
OTHER SERVICES	¢2,000,00	TOTAL	\$4,773,850.00
Printing & Publishing	\$2,000.00	GRAND TOTAL	¢4 772 050 00
Mtce. of Other Impr.	\$3,237,000.00 \$1,040,000.00	GRAND TOTAL	\$4,773,850.00
Other Services (Contingency) TOTAL		Project Description	Cost
OTHER CHARGES	\$4,279,000.00	Street	\$1,877,780
Insurance & Bonds	\$1 500 00	Sewer and Water	\$980,000
Prof. Serv. (Mn/DOT, Consultant)		DBI Development	(separate budget)
Adm. OH (Transfer)		Willmar Avenue (County)	\$680,000
Other Charges (County, Bond)		Signal System-Lakeland Dr.	(separate budget)
TOTAL		Signal System-5th Street SE	(separate budget)
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GRAND TOTAL	\$4 773 850 00	Seal Coat, Crack Seal	\$60,000
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Dated this 18th day of April, 2005.

/s/ Lester Heitke	
MAYOR	

/s/ Kevin Halliday
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<u>Item No. 5</u> The Committee received information relative to the financial agreement between the City of Willmar and Kandiyohi County for the reconstruction of Willmar Avenue SE.

Following a review of the finalized agreement, Resolution No. 5 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE KANDIYOHI COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, a municipal corporation of the State of Minnesota, that the Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to enter into a Cooperative Construction Agreement between the City of Willmar and Kandiyohi County for construction of Willmar Avenue SE from 4th Street to T.H. 71-23 and Lakeland Drive from 700 feet north of and 420 feet south of the intersection of Willmar Avenue SE.

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	/s/ Lester Heitke
	MAYOR
/s/ Kevin Halliday	
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<u>Item No. 6</u> Staff informed the Committee that the annual Arbor Day Celebration is being planned for the week of April 25, 2005. The tree planting ceremony will take place at the Kandi Area Transit bus garage. This matter was for information only.

The Public Works/Safety Committee Report for April 12, 2005, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and carried.

The Community Development Committee Report for April 14, 2005, was presented to the Mayor and Council by Council Member DeBlieck. There were five items for Council consideration.

<u>Item No. 1</u> Randy Fredrickson appeared before the Committee to request permission to erect a peregrine falcon nesting box on one of the water towers. In past years, there have been several peregrine falcons using local water towers on a temporary basis. The peregrine falcon is a known predator on pigeons and Mr. Fredrickson suggested that creating a nesting environment could have a positive impact on the pigeon problem.

Mr. Fredrickson had taken the request to the Willmar Municipal Utilities Commission, but the idea was rejected due to safety and health concerns. Mike Nitchals, WMU Manager, addressed the health/safety issues and indicated the Utilities would reconsider if the Minnesota Department of Health could provide information to allay their fears. This matter was for information only.

Item No. 2 General Manager Nitchals provided a brief history of the relationship between WMU and Kandiyohi Cooperative Electric Power Association (KCEPA). Utilities' service territories are set by the Public Utilities Commission. Municipal utilities are allowed to grow as their cities grow; however, they have to pay co-ops for the value of facilities and the loss of revenue. The twenty-year life of the current service territory agreement expires in 2010. This fact is driving efforts to coexist in a growing area with expanding loads.

Recent moves to consolidate the two entities have been terminated, leading to the current

proposal to share certain loads. Providing service to the new airport is a case in point. In order to avoid a dispute over serving private hangars, a proposal has been made to share the total load at the new airport. The City Council had previously asked WMU to serve the entire airport. Under the proposed load sharing, costs to provide service will be split between WMU and KCEPA. Net revenues will be shared equally, with usage billed at WMU rates.

A broader load sharing model is also being proposed for study. Under that model, all new customers in each of the service territories will be identified, tracked, and studied to determine the feasibility of sharing future loads. A recommendation to rescind the previous decision to have WMU serve the airport and to approve WMU and KCEPA sharing the load at the new airport as proposed resulted in a 2-2 vote. A motion to approve the load sharing study as proposed also resulted in a 2-2 vote. These matters were being brought before the Council without a Committee recommendation.

Following discussion, Council Member Reese moved to rescind the previous decision to have the WMU serve the new airport and to approve the WMU and KCEPA load sharing proposal. Council Member Dokken seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote of Ayes 5, Noes 2 – Council Member Gardner and Christianson voted "No."

Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the load sharing study as proposed with Council Member Dokken seconding the motion, which carried.

Item No. 3 The Committee reviewed a letter from Main Street Willmar suggesting that the Council consider acquiring the Erickson Furniture building for redevelopment as parking space. The Committee was recommending the Council support the concept of acquiring the building for parking, and to have staff report back to Committee at a later date. Council Member DeBlieck moved to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Committee with Council Member Swenson seconding the motion. Council Member Gardner offered a motion to table the matter with Council Member Fagerlie seconding the motion which failed. The original motion as presented then carried.

<u>Item No. 4</u> Staff presented proposed contracts from HNTB Corporation. The first contract was in the amount of \$14,000 and was for additional design services associated with changes made to the FBO Building prior to bid. The additional design work was necessitated by changes to the building requested by the Airport Commission.

The Committee was recommending the Council adopt the resolution approving the contract amendment for phase 5b design services. Resolution No. 6 was introduced by Council Member DeBlieck, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, a municipal corporation of the State of Minnesota, that the Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement between the City of Willmar and HNTB Corporation for professional services (Phase 5b – Building Design), increasing the not-to-exceed agreement amount from \$226,230 to \$240,230.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2005.

<u>/s/ Lester Heitke</u>
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

The second contract was for construction management and observation services for the construction of the terminal building and FBO building. The amount of this proposed contract is \$125,700. The Committee was recommending the Council adopt the resolution approving the contract for construction management and observation services. Resolution No. 7 was introduced by Council Member DeBlieck, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar, a municipal corporation of the State of Minnesota, that the Mayor and City Administrator be authorized to enter into an agreement between the City of Willmar and HNTB Corporation for professional services (Phase 6c – Construction Administration and Observation), in a not-to-exceed agreement amount \$125,700.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2005.

	_/s/ Lester Heitke
	MAYOR
/s/ Kevin Halliday	
Attest: CITY CLERK	

<u>Item No. 5</u> Staff informed the Committee that Willmar Area Development Corporation was sponsoring a one-day trip to Mankato and Owatonna on April 21, 2005. The purpose of the trip is to view business incubators and industrial park development, and to talk with individuals in each of those communities regarding their economic development efforts. The Willmar Area Development Corporation is sponsoring the bus and Council participation was invited. This matter was for information only.

The Community Development Committee Report for April 14, 2005, was approved as presented and ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office upon motion by Council Member DeBlieck, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and carried.

City Administrator Schmit presented to the Mayor and Council a Resolution Calling for Public Hearing on an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$3,679,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2005A and Levying Taxes for the Payment Thereof. It was noted that a hearing for the proposed Ordinance would be held on May 16, 2005. Following discussion, Resolution No. 8 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Fagerlie, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,679,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2005a AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

(For Resolution in its entirety see City Council proceedings file dated

April 18, 2005, located in the City Clerk's Office.)

City Administrator Schmit presented to the Mayor and Council a Resolution Calling for Public Hearing on an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,350,000 General Obligation Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2005B. It was noted that a hearing for the proposed Ordinance would be held on May 16, 2005. Following discussion, Resolution No. 9 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Christianson, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,350,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2005B

(For Resolution in its entirety see City Council proceedings file dated April 18, 2005, located in the City Clerk's Office.)

City Clerk Halliday presented to the Mayor and Council a premise permit renewal application for the American Legion Post 167. Following discussion, Resolution No. 10 was introduced by Council Member Gardner, seconded by Council Member Fagerlie, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

REQUESTING THAT THE MINNESOTA GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A PREMISE PERMIT FOR THE AMERICA LEGION POST 167

WHEREAS, the American Legion Post 167 has applied to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board to obtain a Premise Permit for a Gambling License at the American Legion Post 167, 220 19th Avenue Southwest, Willmar, Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar that the City approves of the Premise Permit for the American Legion Post 167 and respectfully requests that the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board approve the Premise Permit to the American Legion Post 167.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2005.

/s/ Lester Heitke	
MAYOR	

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented to the Mayor and Council a preliminary plat for the Mills Addition to Willmar, a two-lot plat to define the property for the Ford dealership and to dedicate roads in the plat. The utilities are installed except the electric and reapportionment is necessary. Council Member Fagerlie moved to approve the preliminary plat for

the Mills Addition to Willmar with Council Member Dokken seconding the motion, which carried.

Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented to the Mayor and Council a final plat for Home Town Addition, a two-lot plat being developed by Home State Bank on the southeast corner of Lakeland Drive SE and Highway 12. Lot 1 is intended for the bank and Lot 2 is planned for a strip mall. Easements were added as requested by the Municipal Utilities. Council Member Christianson moved to approve the final plat for Home Town Addition with Council Member Gardner seconding the motion, which carried.

Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented to the Mayor and Council an Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance Text. The Planning Commission has considered and approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would allow up to eight-foot high fences in Commercial/Industrial Districts whereas currently it's seven feet. Council Member Christianson offered a motion to introduce an Ordinance Amending No. 1060 Known as the Willmar Zoning Ordinance by Amending Section 3.M.2 Relating to Fencing in Commercial/Industrial Districts and to set a hearing for May 2, 2005. Council Member Reese seconded the motion, which carried.

Council Member DeBlieck moved to remove the Duininck Bros. Inc. (DBI) annexation from the table. Council Member Christianson seconded the motion which carried. Planning and Development Services Director Peterson informed the Mayor and Council that DBI has requested a smaller tract be annexed (4.5 acres). Council Member Reese offered a motion to adopt, assign a number and order final publication of an Ordinance Extending the Corporate Limits of the City of Willmar. Council Member DeBlieck seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote of Ayes 7, Noes 0.

Announcements for Council Committee meeting dates were as follows: Finance, April 25; and Public Works/Safety, April 26, 2005.

City Administrator Schmit informed the Mayor and Council that the City has been notified by the National Civic League that it has been selected as one of 30 finalists for the All-America City Award. A delegation from Willmar will attend the National Civic League's annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 23 – 25, 2005, to compete for the Award. The All-America City Task Force has established a subcommittee to raise funds for individuals attending the conference.

Mayor Heitke reminded the Council that the Design Team will be in Willmar this weekend. The Team consists of urban planners, architects, etc. who have been invited to Willmar to assist with planning of the Downtown. The Design Team will visit Willmar again the third weekend in May.

Public Works Director Odens presented to the Mayor and Council the 2004 Public Works Department annual report. Following a question and answer period, the report was ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

The Mayor informed the Council that an Arbor Day Celebration was being planned for Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kandiyohi Area Transit garage. Trees will be planted with the assistance of Mrs. Lindahl's class from Jefferson school.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m. upon motion by Council Member Christianson, seconded by Council Member Gardner, and carried.

Attest:	MAYOR	
SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL		